

# Commandments for the Church

## Commands and Prohibitions that Apply to Church Age Believers

- **Commands in the New Testament**
  - There are over 2000 commands and prohibitions in the New Testament.
  - Most of these do not apply to believers today.
  - In the Upper Room Discourse, Jesus told His disciples, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” [John 14:15].
  - The commandments Jesus was specifically referring to are the ones He specified in the Upper Room Discourse.
  - However, the underlying principle of John 14:15 applies to all commands that pertain to Church Age believers today.
  - See also Jn 14:21, 23; 15:10; 1 Jn 5:3; 2 Jn 6.
- **Commands in the Upper Room**
  - Do not let your heart be troubled/fearful [John 14:1, 27].
  - Believe in God [John 14:1].
  - Believe also in Christ [John 14:1].
  - Believe Christ that He is in the Father and the Father is in Him [John 14:11].
  - Believe because of His works [John 14:11].
  - Abide in Christ [John 15:4].
  - Ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you [John 15:7].
  - Abide in Christ’s love [John 15:9].
  - If the world hates you, know that the world hated Christ before it hated you [John 15:18].
  - Remember that a slave is not greater than his master [John 15:20].
  - Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full [John 16:24].
  - Take courage; Christ has overcome the world [John 16:33].

- The Ten Commandments

- Jesus did not abolish the Law when He came, He fulfilled it [Matt 5:17].
- When we walk according to the Spirit the Law is fulfilled in us [Rom 8:4].
- Love is the fulfillment of the Law [Rom 13:9-10; Gal 5:14].
- Believers today are not under Law, but under grace [Rom 6:14].
- Following the Law does not save us, but through the Law comes the knowledge of sin [Rom 3:20].
- Awareness of sin highlights the need for a Savior to the unbeliever and the need for confession of sins to the believer.
- The 10 Commandments are still meaningful today in showing us our sins.
- The 10 Commandments are...
  - You shall have no other gods before Me.
  - You shall not make for yourself an idol.
  - You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
  - Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
  - Honor your father and your mother.
  - You shall not murder.
  - You shall not commit adultery.
  - You shall not steal.
  - You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
  - You shall not covet.

- Kingdom Law and the Church

- When Christ taught at the Sermon on the Mount, the offer of the kingdom was still in view and He was teaching the crowd about Kingdom Law.
- The Church was still a mystery at this point, but nonetheless we can derive some principles of application from this teaching.
- Kingdom Law teaches us to...
  - rejoice and be glad in the midst of persecution [Matt 5:11-12].
  - let our light shine before the world [Matt 5:16].
  - not allow problems in personal relationships to interfere with our walk [Matt 5:23-24].
  - eliminate all stumbling blocks from our lives [Matt 5:29-30].

- never make an oath [Matt 5:34-37].
  - “go the extra mile” to maintain peace in our personal relationships [Matt 5:39-42].
  - love our enemies [Matt 5:44].
  - not live in order to draw the attention of men [Matt 6:1-6, 16-18].
  - not pray repetitive prayers [Matt 6:7-8].
  - not waste time amassing earthly treasures [Matt 6:19-20].
  - not worry about the logistical details of life [Matt 6:25-34].
  - not be judgmental [Matt 7:1-5].
  - not waste our time giving the gospel to those who are not ready to hear [Matt 7:6].
  - pray with confidence that God will answer and will give us what is good [Matt 7:7-11].
  - treat others as we would like to be treated [Matt 7:12].
  - seek life only from Christ [Matt 7:13-14].
  - beware of false teachers [Matt 7:15].
- Prohibitions for the Church
    - Seven of the Ten Commandments are “shall not” prohibitions and there were many prohibitions mentioned in Kingdom Law.
    - There are many prohibitions in Scripture that apply to us today.
    - We have already seen one of these verses explaining how we should consider Christ’s life in view of the Law [Matt 5:17].
    - We should not put God to the test [Matt 4:7; Luke 4:12].
    - We should not worry about what we are to say [Mt 10:19; Mk 13:11; Lk 12:11-12].
    - We are not to fear those who persecute us [Matt 10:24-31].
    - We should not think that faith in Christ will bring peace in our families [Mt 10:34-36].
    - We should not separate what God has joined together [Matt 19:6].
    - We should not hinder children from coming to Christ [Matt 19:14].
    - We should not allow anyone to mislead us about eschatological events [Matt 24:4-8; 23 -27].

- We should not waste undue time and energy pursuing temporary things [John 6:27].
- We should not evaluate people on a superficial basis [John 7:24].
- We should not allow ourselves to succumb to sin [Rom 6:12-13].
- We should not be arrogant toward the Jewish people [Rom 11:18].
- We should not be conformed to this world [Rom 12:2].
- We should not curse those who persecute us [Rom 12:14].
- We should not be arrogant and overestimate our wisdom [Rom 12:16].
- We should never take revenge [Rom 12:19].
- We should not be overcome by evil [Rom 12:21].
- We should not owe anything except to love one another [Rom 13:8].
- We should make no provision for the flesh [Rom 13:14].
- We should not have contempt for those with different convictions [Rom 14:3-6].
- We should not be a stumbling block for another believer [Rom 14:13-20].
- We should not pass judgment on ministers of God's word [1 Cor 4:5].
- We should not associate with immoral people, even in the church [1 Cor 5:9-13].
- Spouses should not deprive one another [1 Cor 7:5].
- We should not send away an unbelieving spouse [1 Cor 7:12-13].
- We should not attempt to change our conditions once saved [1 Cor 7:17-27].
- We should not deny the laborer his due wages [1 Cor 9:9; 1 Tim 5:18].
- We should avoid the mistakes the Jewish people made [1 Cor 10:1-11].
- We should avoid taking freedoms that we know will offend others [1 Cor 10:28].
- We should not be children in our thinking [1 Cor 14:20].
- We should not be deceived about the influence of bad company [1 Cor 15:33].
- We should avoid close relationships with unbelievers [2 Cor 6:14-18].
- We should not subject ourselves to a yoke of slavery [Gal 5:1].
- We should not abuse the freedoms we have in Christ [Gal 5:13].
- We should not be deceived about reaping and sowing [Gal 6:7].

- We should not walk in futility as we did as unbelievers [Eph 4:17].
- We should not go to bed angry [Eph 4:26].
- We should not give the devil any opportunities to lead us astray [Eph 4:27].
- We should not allow ugly words to come out of our mouths [Eph 4:29].
- We should not grieve the Holy Spirit who sealed us [Eph 4:30].
- We should avoid conduct unbecoming of a child of God [Eph 5:3-4].
- We should not be partakers with those who walk in darkness [Eph 5:7, 11].
- We should not be foolish by ignoring God's will in our lives [Eph 5:17].
- We should not drink to excess [Eph 5:18].
- We should not provoke our children to anger [Eph 6:4].
- We should not allow anyone to take us captive with deceitfulness [Col 2:8].
- We should not focus our thoughts on earthly things [Col 3:2].
- We should not lie to one another [Col 3:9].
- We should not be embittered against our spouses [Col 3:19].
- We should not exasperate our children [Col 3:21].
- We should not defraud anyone in the matter of sanctification [1 Th 4:3-6].
- We should not repay evil for evil [1 Thess 5:15].
- We should not quench the Spirit [1 Thess 5:19].
- We should not despise the communication of the Word of God [1 Th 5:20].
- We should not be disturbed by those who distort eschatology [2 Th 2:2-3].
- We should not grow weary of doing the works God has for us [2 Th 3:13].
- We should not associate with believers who reject God's word [2 Th 3:14].
- We should not regard such believers as an enemy [2 Thess 3:15].
- We should not teach strange doctrines [1 Tim 1:3].
- We should not pay attention to myths and irrelevant messages [1 Tim 1:4].
- We should not neglect the spiritual gift we have received [1 Tim 4:14].
- We should not sharply rebuke an older man [1 Tim 5:1].
- We should not receive an accusation against an elder unless there are two or three witnesses [1 Tim 5:19].
- We should not promote someone to an office too hastily [1 Tim 5:22].
- We should not be disrespectful to believers in authority over us [1 Tim 6:2].
- We should not be ashamed of the testimony of Christ [2 Tim 1:8].
- We should not split hairs and dispute about words [2 Tim 2:14].

- We should not be stubborn, quick-tempered, addicted to alcohol, confrontational or fond of dishonest gain [Titus 1:7].
- We should not be argumentative with our bosses [Titus 2:10].
- We should not harden our hearts when we hear the things of God [Heb 3:15; 4:7].
- We should not be sluggish [Heb 6:12].
- We should not throw away the confidence of our faith [Heb 10:35].
- We should not grow weary and lose heart [Heb 12:3].
- We should not regard lightly the discipline of God [Heb 12:5].
- We should not reject the words of Christ [Heb 12:25].
- We should not neglect to show hospitality to strangers [Heb 13:2].
- We should not be carried away by any kind of strange teaching [Heb 13:9].
- We should not neglect doing good works and sharing [Heb 13:16].
- We should not be deceived about lusts and the temptations of sin [Jas 1:16].
- We should not be hearers of the Word only [Jas 1:22].
- We should not show favoritism [Jas 2:1].
- We should not be overzealous about becoming a teacher of the Word [Jas 3:1].
- We should not be arrogant and lie against the truth [Jas 3:14].
- We should not speak against one another [Jas 4:11; 5:9].
- We should not make empty oaths [Jas 5:12].
- We should not fear those who try to intimidate us for our faith [1 Pet 3:14].
- We should not be surprised when we encounter difficulties [1 Pet 4:12].
- We should not invite suffering by participating in sin [1 Pet 4:15].
- We should not be ashamed when we suffer for Christ [1 Pet 4:16].
- We should not ignore the fact that God is not limited by time [2 Pet 3:8].
- We should not love the world nor the things in the world [1 John 2:15].
- We should not be surprised if the world hates us [1 John 3:13].
- We should not believe every spirit we hear [1 John 4:1].
- We should avoid losing rewards [2 John 8].
- We should not receive false teachers into our houses [2 John 10].
- We should not imitate evil [3 John 11].

- **Commands for the Church**

- In addition to the prohibitions we have learned, many commands are given to us in the positive sense.
- Many of the commands in the gospels are not directed to the Church [ex. Matt 3:2].
- However, in many cases we can derive application today from these commands.
- We should walk away from those who reject the message of truth [Matt 10:14].
- We should be as shrewd as serpents and as innocent as doves [Matt 10:16].
- We should publicly proclaim the things we learn from the Word of God [Matt 10:27].
- We should listen to the Word [Matt 11:15].
- We should take our rest under the yoke of Christ and learn from Him [Matt 11:29].
- We should deny ourselves, submit to Christ and follow Him [Matt 16:24].
- We should, in love and grace, attempt to help our brothers and sisters in Christ recognize their sins [Matt 18:15-17].
- We should pay what is due to the government over us [Matt 22:21].
- We should focus on our inner righteousness knowing that outward righteousness will follow [Matt 23:26].
- We should be alert knowing that Christ could come at any time [Matt 24:42, 44].
- We should make disciples [Matt 28:19].
- We should be careful what we listen to [Mark 4:24].
- We should ask for help with our times of unbelief [Mark 9:24].
- We should permit the children to come to Christ [Mark 10:14].
- We should have faith in God [Mark 11:22].
- We should believe that our prayers will be answered [Mark 11:24].
- We should forgive others [Mark 11:25].
- We should beware of those with phony godliness [Mark 12:38-40].
- We should obey Christ [Luke 5:4].

- We should ask the Lord to send evangelists to those who are ready to hear the gospel [Luke 10:2].
- We should rejoice that our names are recorded in heaven [Luke 10:20].
- We should show mercy to others in need [Luke 10:37].
- We should be humble [Luke 22:26].
- We should strengthen our brothers [Luke 22:32].
- We should pray that we do not succumb to temptation [Luke 22:40].
- We should judge with righteous judgment [John 7:24].
- We should believe the works of Christ that testify of Him [John 10:25, 37; 14:11].
- We should believe in God and in Christ [John 14:1].
- We should abide in Christ [John 15:4] and in His love [John 15:9].
- We should be brave in Christ [John 16:33].
- We should consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to righteousness [Rom 6:11].
- We should present ourselves to God as those alive from the dead [Rom 6:13].
- We should present our members as instruments of righteousness [Rom 6:13] and slaves to righteousness [Rom 6:19].
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- We should be transformed by the renewing of our minds [Rom 12:2].
- We should bless those who persecute us [Rom 12:14].
- We should leave room for the wrath of God [Rom 12:19].
- We should feed our enemies [Rom 12:20].
- We should overcome evil with good [Rom 12:21].
- We should be in subjection to the governing authorities [Rom 13:1].
- We should do what is good [Rom 13:3].
- We should have our own faith convictions before God [Rom 14:22].



- We should please our neighbor for his good, to his edification [Rom 15:2].
- We should accept one another as Christ accepted us [Rom 15:7].
- We should boast in the Lord [1 Cor 1:31].
- We should be careful how we build on the foundation of our faith [1 Cor 3:10].
- We should become foolish so we can become wise [1 Cor 3:18].
- We should be imitators of mature believers [1 Cor 4:16].
- We should remove wicked people from among ourselves [1 Cor 5:13].
- We should flee immorality [1 Cor 6:18].
- We should glorify God in our bodies [1 Cor 6:20].
- We should have physical intimacy with our spouses [1 Cor 7:2-3].
- We should walk in the manner as the Lord has assigned to us and remain as God has called us [1 Cor 7:17-24].
- We should take care that our freedom in Christ does not become a stumbling block for the weak [1 Cor 8:9].
- We should run the race of our lives in a way that we may win [1 Cor 9:24].
- We should take heed to make sure our pride does not make us fall [1 Cor 10:12].
- We should flee from idolatry [1 Cor 10:14].
- We should evaluate what our pastors teach us [1 Cor 10:15].
- We should learn about Israel and glean lessons from what they did [1 Cor 10:18].
- We should do everything we do to the glory of God [1 Cor 10:31].
- We should imitate our elders who imitate Christ [1 Cor 11:1].
- We should examine ourselves to see if we are walking worthy [1 Cor 11:28].
- We should wait for one another and partake together in Communion [1 Cor 11:33].
- We should pursue love [1 Cor 14:1].
- We should desire spiritual gifts in our local church [1 Cor 14:1; cp. 1 Cor 12:31].
- We should seek to abound for the edification of the Church [1 Cor 14:12].
- We should be infants in evil and mature in our thinking [1 Cor 14:20].
- We should continually edify [1 Cor 14:26].

- We should do everything properly and in an orderly manner [1 Cor 14:40].
- We should become sober-minded and stop sinning [1 Cor 15:34].
- We should become steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord [1 Cor 15:58].
- We should save as we prosper so that we can support ministries [1 Cor 16:1-2].
- We should be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong [1 Cor 16:13].
- We should operate in love [1 Cor 16:14].
- We should acknowledge those who refresh us spiritually [1 Cor 16:18].
- We should finish whatever we have begun [2 Cor 8:11].
- We should test ourselves to see if we are in the faith [2 Cor 13:5].
- We should rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded and live in peace [2 Cor 13:11].
- We should greet one another with affection [2 Cor 13:12].
- We should keep standing firm in the faith and not be subject again to a yoke of slavery [Gal 5:1].
- We should serve one another through love [Gal 5:13].
- We should take care that we are not consumed by one another [Gal 5:15].
- We should walk by means of the Holy Spirit [Gal 5:16].
- We should restore a struggling brother with gentleness [Gal 6:1].
- We should bear others' burdens [Gal 6:2].
- We should examine our work [Gal 6:4].
- We should share good things with those who teach us [Gal 6:6].
- We should remember that we were once without Christ and without hope [Eph 2:11].
- We should speak the truth to one another [Eph 4:25].
- We should manage our anger [Eph 4:26].
- We should be kind to one another, forgiving each other [Eph 4:32].
- We should be imitators of God [Eph 5:1].
- We should walk in love [Eph 5:2].
- We should walk as children of Light [Eph 5:8], being careful how we walk [Eph 5:15].

- We should expose unfruitful deeds of darkness [Eph 5:11].
- We should wake up if we are in a spiritual slumber [Eph 5:14].
- We should know God's will [Eph 5:17].
- We should be filled with the Holy Spirit [Eph 5:18].
- Husbands should love their wives as Christ loves the Church [Eph 5:25] and as they love themselves [Eph 5:33].
- Women should respect their husbands [Eph 5:33].
- Children should obey their parents in the Lord [Eph 6:1].
- We should honor our father and mother [Eph 6:2].
- We should raise children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord [Eph 6:4].
- We should obey those over us [Eph 6:5].
- We should treat those under us well knowing our Master is watching [Eph 6:9].
- We should be strong in the strength of the Lord [Eph 6:10].
- We should put on (take up) the full armor of God [Eph 6:11, 13, 17] and stand firm in it [Eph 6:14].
- We should conduct ourselves in a worthy manner [Phil 1:27].
- We should make the joy of our spiritual leaders complete [Phil 2:2].
- We should have an attitude of humility as Christ did [Phil 2:5].
- We should carry on the outworking of our salvation with reverence [Phil 2:12].
- We should share our joy [Phil 2:18].
- We should receive good men with joy and hold them in high regard [Phil 2:29].
- We should rejoice in the Lord [Phil 3:1].
- We should beware of those who mutilate the gospel [Phil 3:2].
- We should follow the example of those who follow Christ [Phil 3:17].
- We should stand firm in the Lord [Phil 4:1].
- We should help those who struggle for the gospel [Phil 4:3].
- We should rejoice in the Lord always [Phil 4:4].
- We should allow our gentle spirit to be evident to others [Phil 4:5].
- We should let our requests be made known to God [Phil 4:6].

- We should help those who struggle for the gospel [Phil 4:3].
- We should dwell on the positive [Phil 4:8].
- We should put into use the things we have learned and seen in our elders [Phil 4:9].
- We should walk in Christ just as we received Him – by faith [Col 2:6].
- We should continually seek and set our minds on the things above [Col 3:1-2].
- We should consider the members of our body as dead to sin [Col 3:5].
- We should put aside our sins [Col 3:8].
- We should put on a heart molded by the Spirit and the word of God [Col 3:12].
- We should allow the peace of Christ to rule in our hearts [Col 3:15].
- We should be thankful [Col 3:15].
- We should allow the word of Christ to dwell richly within us [Col 3:16].
- We should do everything thankfully in the name of the Lord Jesus [Col 3:17].
- Wives should be subject to their husbands [Col 3:18].
- Husbands should love their wives [Col 3:19].
- Children should be obedient to their parents [Col 3:20].
- Employees should obey their bosses [Col 3:22].
- We should do our work heartily as unto the Lord rather than men [Col 3:23].
- Bosses should treat their employees with fairness [Col 4:1].
- We should be devoted to prayer [Col 4:2].
- We should conduct ourselves with wisdom toward others [Col 4:5].
- We should take heed to the ministries we have received in the Lord [Col 4:17].
- We should comfort each other with the hope of the Rapture [1 Thess 4:18].
- We should encourage and build one another up in the faith [1 Thess 5:11].
- We should live in peace with one another [1 Thess 5:13].
- We should admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak and be patient with everyone [1 Thess 5:14].
- We should seek after that which is good for one another [1 Thess 5:15].

- We should rejoice always, pray continually and give thanks in everything we encounter [1 Thess 5:16-18].
- We should examine everything carefully and hold on to what is good [1 Thess 5:21].
- We should abstain from every form of evil [1 Thess 5:22].
- We should stand firm and hold on to what we have been taught [2 Thess 2:15].
- We should pray that the word of God will spread rapidly [2 Thess 3:1].
- We should avoid other believers who are caught up in carnality [2 Thess 3:6].
- We should take note of those who disobey the Scriptures and admonish them as a brother [2 Thess 3:14-15].
- Women should wear modest clothing [1 Tim 2:9].
- Women should receive instruction with submissiveness [1 Tim 2:11].
- Individuals should be tested before they serve as deacons [1 Tim 3:10].
- Deacons should be monogamous and manage their homes well [1 Tim 3:12].
- Pastors should reject worldly myths and train themselves spiritually so that they will be godly men [1 Tim 4:7].
- Pastors should continually instruct and teach the word of God including the good news about the Savior [1 Tim 4:11].
- Pastors should be examples to other believers [1 Tim 4:12].
- Pastors should focus on reading Scripture, exhortation and teaching [1 Tim 4:13].
- Pastors should cultivate their own spiritual lives so that their spiritual growth will be seen by others [1 Tim 4:15].
- Pastors should persevere in their faith which will help others in their walk [1 Tim 4:16].
- We should come alongside people as though they were family [1 Tim 5:1-2].
- We should give proper attention to widows who have no family support [1 Tim 5:3].

- Family members should endeavor to take care of their widowed parents and grandparents [1 Tim 5:4].
- Pastors should teach the principles of proper care for widows [1 Tim 5:7].
- We should consider elders who rule well to be worthy of double honor [1 Tim 5:17].
- Elders who are unrepentant in a pattern of sin should be rebuked in the presence of the entire congregation [1 Tim 5:20].
- Pastors should keep themselves free from sin [1 Tim 5:22].
- We should honor and serve our bosses that are believers [1 Tim 6:1-2].
- We should flee from the love of money and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness [1 Tim 6:11].
- We should fight the good fight of our faith [1 Tim 6:12].
- We should start living as those who have received eternal life [1 Tim 6:12].
- Pastors should teach people to depend upon God rather than wealth [1 Tim 6:17].
- We should guard the precious truths that have been entrusted to us and avoid what is falsely called “knowledge” [1 Tim 6:20].
- We should join with others in suffering for the gospel [2 Tim 1:8].
- We should retain the sound words which we have learned [2 Tim 1:13].
- We should guard the treasure of God’s word entrusted to us through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit [2 Tim 1:14].
- We should be strong in the grace that is in Christ [2 Tim 2:1].
- We should entrust the truths of the Bible to faithful believers who will be able to teach others also [2 Tim 2:2].
- We should suffer hardship as a good soldier of Christ Jesus [2 Tim 2:3].
- We should think about what our spiritual leaders teach us [2 Tim 2:7].
- We should always remember our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ [2 Tim 2:8].
- Pastors should remind people of the truths of God’s word and exhort them not to fight over words [2 Tim 2:14].
- We should make a great effort to present ourselves approved to God, rightly dividing the word of truth [2 Tim 2:15].
- We should avoid worthless and empty chatter [2 Tim 2:16].
- We should abstain from all forms of wickedness [2 Tim 2:19].

- We should flee from the lusts of our youth [2 Tim 2:22].
- We should pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace with believers who are walking in the light [2 Tim 2:22].
- We should reject foolish and ignorant speculations [2 Tim 2:23].
- We should realize that difficult times will come in the last days [2 Tim 3:1].
- We should avoid people who are caught up in the wickedness of the world [2 Tim 3:5].
- We should endeavor to continue in the things we have learned and become convinced of from the Bible [2 Tim 3:14].
- Pastors should be preaching the word of God [2 Tim 4:2].
- Pastors should be ready to preach when people are positive to the word and when they are negative [2 Tim 4:2].
- Pastors should be willing to deliver the difficult messages [2 Tim 4:2].
- Pastors should be well-grounded and self-controlled [2 Tim 4:5].
- Pastors should be ready to endure hardship in the ministry [2 Tim 4:5].
- Pastors should be willing to do the work of an evangelist even if that is not their area of giftedness [2 Tim 4:5].
- We should fulfill the ministry we have received from the Lord [2 Tim 4:5].
- We should be on guard against those who oppose sound teaching [2 Tim 4:15].
- Pastors should reprove people who are rebellious deceivers so that they may be sound in the faith [Titus 1:13].
- Pastors should speak the things which are suitable for sound doctrine [Titus 2:1].
- Pastors should urge young men to be sensible in all things [Titus 2:6].
- Pastors should show themselves to be examples of godly behavior and speech with purity in doctrine [Titus 2:7-8].
- Pastors should exhort and reprove, speaking the things of God's word knowing that they have authority [Titus 2:15].
- Pastors should remind believers to humbly live godly lives [Titus 3:1-2].
- Pastors should avoid foolish controversies and disputes [Titus 3:9].
- Pastors should reject anyone who is causing divisiveness after giving him two warnings about his behavior [Titus 3:10].

- We should learn to engage in the good works God has prepared for us to do so we can meet other believers' needs and bear fruit [Titus 3:14].
- We should benefit other believers by refreshing them spiritually [Phil 20].
- We should take time to think about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ [Heb 3:1].
- We should take great care to avoid the pitfall of falling away from God through the error of unbelief [Heb 3:12].
- We should encourage one another every time we get a chance [Heb 3:13].
- We should grow beyond the elemental things of the faith and press on toward spiritual maturity [Heb 6:1].
- We should remember the times of testing of our faith [Heb 10:32-33].
- We should think about the sufferings of Christ to avoid growing weary and losing heart [Heb 12:3].
- We should strengthen the areas of our faith that are weak [Heb 12:12-13].
- We should pursue peace with all men [Heb 12:14].
- We should be steadfast in our love of the brethren [Heb 13:1].
- We should remember those who are imprisoned for their faith [Heb 13:3].
- We should remember those who led us in the faith and imitate the conduct that reflects their faith [Heb 13:7].
- We should obey to those who are our true spiritual leaders and submit to their instruction [Heb 13:16].
- We should pray for our spiritual leaders [Heb 13:18].
- We should take heed of every exhortation from God's word [Heb 13:22].
- We should thoughtfully evaluate our situation and be joyful in the midst of testing and trials [Jas 1:2].
- We should allow the endurance of trials to help us grow [Jas 1:4].
- We should ask God, in faith, for the wisdom we need [Jas 1:5-6].
- We should be aware of our high position in Christ regardless of our temporal circumstances here on earth [Jas 1:9].
- We should be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger [Jas 1:19].
- We should humbly receive the word of God into our souls [Jas 1:21].
- We should consistently be doers of the word and not merely hearers [Jas 1:22].



- We should pay attention to how God exalts His children and not show partiality based upon worldly criteria [Jas 2:5].
- We should pay heed to the fact that our words can cause great harm [Jas 3:5].
- We should demonstrate through our deeds the wisdom God has given us [Jas 3:13].
- We should humbly submit to God [Jas 4:7].
- We should resist the devil, humbly relying on the power of God [Jas 4:7].
- We should pursue a more intimate relationship with God [Jas 4:8].
- We should recognize and confess our sins, allowing God to purify our thoughts, words and deeds [Jas 4:8].
- We should be sad and mourn when we realize we have been sinning [Jas 4:9].
- We should humble ourselves before God and allow Him to exalt us [Jas 4:10].
- We should recognize God's sovereignty over every area of our lives [Jas 4:13-15].
- We should be sad and mourn when we realize we have been misusing temporal wealth [Jas 5:1-6].
- We should patiently wait for God's plan to unfold [Jas 5:7].
- We should become strengthened in our inner man [Jas 5:8].
- We should learn more about God's mercy and compassion from the many examples of endurance given in the Bible [Jas 5:10-11].
- We should always say what we mean and stand by what we say [Jas 5:12].
- We should pray and sing praises in both suffering and in prosperity [Jas 5:13].
- We should not hesitate to call upon the spiritual leaders of our local church when we are spiritually ill [Jas 5:14].
- We should be willing to acknowledge our sins to the elders who help us [Jas 5:16].
- We should pray for those who are suffering spiritually [Jas 5:16].
- We should realize that helping someone turn from their sins will rescue them from temporal spiritual death [Jas 5:20].

- We should focus our hope completely on the coming of Christ [1 Pet 1:13].
- We should be holy, as God is holy, in all our behavior [1 Pet 1:15].
- We should live out our daily lives with respect and in awe of God, knowing that He will judge our works [1 Pet 1:17].
- We should fervently love one another from a pure heart [1 Pet 1:22].
- We should hunger for the pure milk of the word of God, no matter how spiritually mature we might be [1 Pet 2:2].
- We should submit to the authorities God has placed over us [1 Pet 2:13].
- We should honor all people, including our governmental leaders [1 Pet 2:17].
- We should love our brothers and sisters in Christ [1 Pet 2:17].
- We should have a proper fear (awe, respect) of God [1 Pet 2:17].
- We should be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted and humble in spirit [1 Pet 3:8].
- We should respond with a blessing instead of an insult when we find ourselves being insulted [1 Pet 3:9].
- We should avoid speaking evil things and telling lies [1 Pet 3:10].
- We should turn away from evil deeds and do what is right [1 Pet 3:11].
- We should pursue peace with other people [1 Pet 3:11].
- We should give Christ His proper place as Lord in our hearts [1 Pet 3:15].
- We should always be ready to gently and respectfully explain our faith to anyone who asks us about it [1 Pet 3:15].
- We should strive with the same purpose as Christ, living for the will of God rather than for the lusts of the flesh [1 Pet 4:1-2].
- We should be sober and of sound judgment for the purpose of prayer [1 Pet 4:7].
- We should remain fervent in our love for one another [1 Pet 4:8].
- We should be friendly to one another, avoiding complaints [1 Pet 4:9].
- We should use our spiritual gifts to serve one another [1 Pet 4:10].
- We should engage in our spiritual work of service utilizing the strength God supplies so that He will be glorified [1 Pet 4:11].
- We should rejoice when we share in the sufferings of Christ [1 Pet 4:13].
- We should glorify God when we suffer for being a Christian [1 Pet 4:16].

- We should entrust our souls to God and do what is right in the midst of suffering according to His will [1 Pet 4:19].
- Pastors should shepherd the flock which God brings to the church [1 Pet 5:2].
- Pastors should willingly and eagerly oversee their church without any improper motives [1 Pet 5:2].
- Pastors should prove to be examples to their flocks [1 Pet 5:3].
- We should have an attitude of humility toward one another and be subject to our spiritual elders [1 Pet 5:5].
- We should humble ourselves under God's omnipotent hand [1 Pet 5:6].
- We should prayerfully hand over all of our anxiety to God [1 Pet 5:7].
- We should be clear in our thinking and always on the alert for possible spiritual conflict [1 Pet 5:8].
- We should resist the schemes of the devil, being firm in our faith [1 Pet 5:9].
- We should stand firm in the true grace of God [1 Pet 5:12].
- We should, in faith, provide for growth in the godly qualities in our lives [2 Pet 1:5].
- We should be diligent to live a life that confirms our being called and chosen by God [2 Pet 1:10].
- We should stir one another up by reminding each other of Scripture [2 Pet 1:12-13].
- We should be diligent to be found by God walking in the Light and exercising faith-rest [2 Pet 3:14].
- We should regard the patience of God as salvation [2 Pet 3:15 cf. 2 Pet 3:9].
- We should always be on our guard to avoid being carried away by deceit [2 Pet 3:17].
- We should continually be growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ [2 Pet 3:18].
- We should confess our sins to receive temporal forgiveness [1 John 1:9].
- We should walk in the same manner that Jesus walked [1 John 2:6].
- We should allow the content of the truths we have learned from the beginning to abide in us [1 John 2:24].

- We should abide in Christ by means of the abiding Holy Spirit [1 John 2:27-28].
- We should pay attention to the love God the Father has bestowed on us [1 John 3:1].
- We should test the spirits to see if they are from God [1 John 4:1-2].
- We should protect ourselves from the idols of life [1 John 5:21].
- We should examine our own spiritual lives to make sure we do not lose the eternal rewards God has given us [2 John 1:8].
- We should imitate what is good [3 John 11].
- We should remember the word of God which has been taught to us [Jude 17].
- We should keep walking in the love of God [Jude 21].
- We should have mercy on those who are struggling with their faith [Jude 22].
- We should try to rescue those who are struggling with their sins [Jude 23].
- We should be merciful, with caution, to those who are mired in sin [Jude 23].
- If we wander off of our spiritual path, we should remember where we have come from and get back on track [Rev 2:5].
- We should listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to our local church [Rev 2:7].
- We should endeavor to be faithful until death and receive a reward [Rev 2:10].
- We should hold fast to the truth of God's word in our souls even in the midst of spiritual conflict [Rev 2:25].
- We should wake up if we find ourselves in spiritual slumber [Rev 3:2].
- We should remember what we have received and heard [Rev 3:3].
- We should be zealous for God and repent when we are reprovved and disciplined by Him [Rev 3:18-19].